

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1-9 and 11-12 are amended to overcome the objection asserted in the outstanding Office Action and to merely clarify the recited subject matter. Claims 10 and 13 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-9 and 11-12 are pending.

Applicant notes that the Office Action erroneously objected to claims 7-8 and 12-13, alleging that they are in improper form for multiple dependency. Applicant directs the Office's attention to the claim amendment made on the application transmittal at the time of application filing, in which the multiple dependencies were amended to be proper.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-5 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rhodes et al. (U.S. 5,909,437; hereafter "Rhodes") and rejected claims 6 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based on Rhodes and Archambaud et al. (U.S. 6,304,560; hereafter "Archambaud"). Applicant traverses the prior art rejections because the cited prior art references, analyzed individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed invention. For example, Rhodes, analyzed individually or in combination with Archambaud, fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed method of controlling a repeater in a radio communication system wherein "control means are arranged to the subscriber station for controlling and supervising the repeater, and the repeater is controlled by means of the subscriber station management system by transmitting control signals from the subscriber station management system via a radio path to the control means of the subscriber station, in response to which control signals the control means control and supervise the operation of the repeater," as recited in independent claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Further, Rhodes, analyzed individually or in combination with Archambaud, fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed radio communication system comprising "a subscriber station management system comprising means for controlling and supervising the operation of the subscriber stations by means of the network elements, and for controlling and supervising the repeater connected to the subscriber station by means of control signals transmitted to the subscriber station by radio signals," as recited in independent claim 4 and its dependent claims.

Similarly, Rhodes, analyzed individually or in combination with Archambaud, fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed subscriber station means for controlling the operation of the subscriber station in response to control signals received via the radio path and for

transmitting data on the state of the subscriber station to other parts of the system via the radio path, connecting means for connecting a repeater to the subscriber station, and control means which in response to control signals received via the radio path control and supervise the operation of the repeater which is connected to the subscriber station," as recited in independent claim 9 and its dependent claims.

Rhodes fails to teach or suggest a solution where such a repeater would be connected to a subscriber station, such that the subscriber station management system could control the operation of the repeater via the subscriber station. In Rhodes, peripheral devices 38, 36' and central terminals 10 control the operation of subscriber terminals 20. However, Rhodes fails to include any repeater which would be used to forward signals between the central terminals 10 and the subscriber terminals 20, and which would be controlled by a same subscriber station management system that also controls the operation of the subscriber terminals.

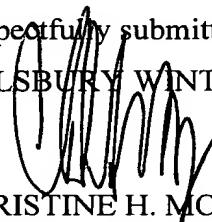
Archambaud fails to remedy these deficiencies of Rhodes because Archambaud merely teaches on the subject of wireless local loops.

Therefore, the combined teachings of Rhodes and Archambaud fail to disclose, teach or suggest all the features recited in the rejected claims.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, Applicant requests issuance of a notice of allowance indicating the allowability of all pending claims. If anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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